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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/981,992, Filed: October 19, 2001  
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Inventor(s): del Puerto et al.  
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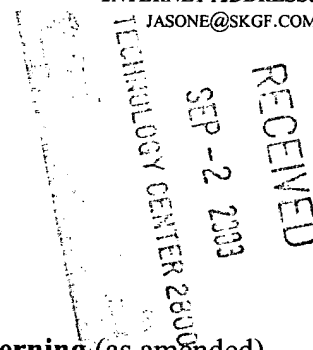
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1. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
3. Eight (8) sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B and 5); and
4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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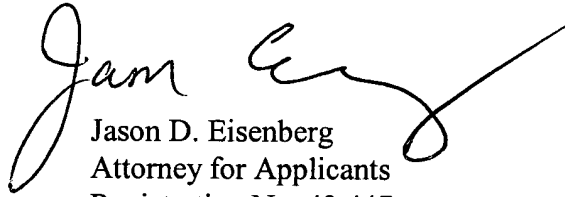


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**Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are eight (8) sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B and 5, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawing(s) into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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